

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

BEEF MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the 2007 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book published by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, there are currently over 830,000 cattle in North Carolina that provide a variety of food, leather and other products to the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2007 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book published by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, North Carolina farmers raise beef cattle in all 100 counties; and

WHEREAS, because of cooperation between beef producers and the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T University and allied industries, thousands of farms are flourishing across the State; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2007 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book published by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, beef and beef products are naturally nutrient rich, providing Americans with a high quality source of protein, iron, zinc and B vitamins, leading nine out of ten households to serve beef at least once every two weeks; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2007 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book published by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, more than 19,000 North Carolina operations generate more than \$220 million in cash receipts each year making the beef industry yet another part of the total diversification of agriculture in this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2008, as "**BEEF MONTH**" in North Carolina and commend this observance to all our citizens.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.